

Remarks

Claims 1-15, 17-24, 26-27, and 65 are presented for reconsideration, with claims 1 and 65 being the independent claims. Claims 17-22, 26, and 27 are sought to be amended. New claim 65 is sought to be added. Claims 16 and 25 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 28-64 were cancelled in a previous amendment. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the cancelled and amended claims, in the future.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the claims should be entered after final because they place the application in condition for allowance.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 23 and 25-26¹ contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of now cancelled claim 25 and intervening claim 16 into claim 1. Furthermore, Applicants seek to enter new claim 65 that incorporates the subject matter of claim 23, intervening original claims 16 and 22, and original independent claim 1.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,384,353 to Huang et al. (hereinafter

¹ Applicants respectfully point out that although the Examiner stated that claims 23 and 25-16 included allowable subject material, it appears the Examiner actually meant to state that claims 23 and 25-26 include allowable subject matter.

Huang). Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,633,212 to Ruan et al. (hereinafter Ruan). Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ruan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,495,895 to Peterson et al. (hereinafter Peterson). Claims 16-22, 24, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ruan. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Although Applicants disagree with the rejections, Applicants have amended the claims only in order to expedite prosecution. For example, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of now cancelled claim 25 and intervening claim 16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 1, and find it allowable over the applied references. Also, at least based on their dependency to claim 1, claims 1-15, 17-24, 26, and 27 should be found allowable over the applied references, as well as for their respective additional distinguishing features.

New Claim 65

Applicants have included the subject matter of claim 23, intervening original claims 16 and 22, and original independent claim 1 into new claim 65. As claim 23 was found to have allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter claim 65 and find this claim allowable.

Applicants ask the Examiner to contact Applicants representative at the number noted below if further claim clarifications or amendments are needed before issuing an Advisory Action, if appropriate.

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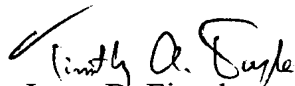
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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